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SUBJ: BIO INFORMATION ON AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO THAILAND,
DR. KUN PARK

REF: BANGKOK 20804

1. DR. KUN PARK WAS BORN APRIL 5, 1927. IN 1953 HE GRADUATED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY OF SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, THE LEADING PUBLIC UNIVERSITY IN KOREA. IN 1955 HE RECEIVED AN MA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND IN 1958 A DOCTORATE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA. HIS SUBSEQUENT CAREER SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

1958 LECTURER IN POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPT., U OF PA.

1959 SECOND SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA)

1962 CHIEF, CULTURAL SECTION, MOFA

CHIEF, AMERICA SECTION, MOFA

1963 COUNSELOR, KOREAN EMBASSY IN U.S.

1966 DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND TREATIES
BUREAU, MOFA

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1969 MINISTER, KOREAN EMBASSY IN ENGLAND

1973 MINISTER, KOREAN EMBASSY IN U.S.

1975 AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND

1976 AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND (APPOINTED 5/7/76)

2. PAK HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS FRIENDLY, COOPERATIVE, INTELLIGENT, AND SHREWD, ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME DOUBT REGARDING HIS SINCERITY. HE IS AT EASE AROUND AMERICANS. HE MAKES HIS POOREST IMPRESSION WHEN HE ADOPTS INTIMATE, CONSPIRATORIAL ATTITUDE AND ATTEMPTS TO WHEEDLE HIS CONTACT INTO ACCEPTING HIS POINT OF VIEW.

3. PAK'S WIFE RECEIVED AN MA FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA ALSO AND HAS TAUGHT AT EHWA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY IN SEOUL, THE LEADING WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY HERE. BOTH THE PAKS SPEAK ENGLISH WELL. THEY HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS, BORN IN 1959 AND 1961.

4. EMBASSY POUCHING ADDITIONAL DETAILED BIO INFORMATION.
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